

Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District

February 22, 2006

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FEDERAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The District Engineer and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality have received a joint application for Federal and State permits as described below:

APPLICANT

City of Chesapeake, Public Works
306 Cedar Road
Post Office Box 15225
Chesapeake, VA 23328

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK: The project is located in a nontidal drainage ditch which is a tributary to Coopers Ditch. This drainage ditch is considered waters of the United States because it provides a connection from upstream wetlands to downstream waters. The proposed ditch work begins just east of the 168 Bypass, runs east across Battlefield Boulevard, parallel to Carol Drive, to Coopers Ditch, in Chesapeake, Virginia.

PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE: The applicant proposes to excavate 657 feet of existing ditch between the 168 Bypass and Battlefield Boulevard. Approximately 216 feet of the ditch to the west of Battlefield Boulevard is proposed to be piped and filled. The remainder of the ditch is to be widened such that the ditch has a 10 foot bottom width and portions of the ditch protected by riprap. East of Battlefield Boulevard the applicant proposes to excavate 1,492 feet of existing ditch. The centerline of the ditch is proposed to be shifted into the farm field, relocating the ditch bottom in order to create more stable ditch side slopes. The bottom width of this ditch is proposed to remain 4 feet wide. An existing farm road crossing of the ditch would be replaced with a 60 inch culvert with riprap placed on either side of the culvert pipe. The spoil material resulting from this work is to be placed in the farm field for disposal. The proposed work would improve drainage and alleviate flooding experienced in areas adjacent to the ditch along Carol Drive.

In addition to the required Department of the Army permit, the applicant must obtain a Virginia Water Protection Permit from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) assuring that applicable laws and regulations pertaining to water quality are not violated. Project drawings are attached.

AUTHORITY: Permits are required pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217) and Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia.

FEDERAL EVALUATION OF APPLICATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected from the

proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All of the proposal's relevant factors will be considered, including conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use classification, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Environmental Protection Agency's "Guidelines for Specification of Disposal Sites for Dredged or Fill Material" will also be applied (Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act). The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the individual and cumulative impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Anyone may request a public hearing to consider this permit application by writing to the District Engineer within 30 days of the date of this notice, stating specific reasons for holding the public hearing. The District Engineer will then decide if a hearing should be held.

Preliminary review indicates that: (1) no environmental impact statement will be required; (2) no species of fish, wildlife, or plant (or their critical habitat) listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (PL 93-205) will be affected; and (3) no known properties eligible for inclusion or included in the National Register of Historic Places are in or near the permit area, or would likely be affected by the proposal. Additional information might change any of these findings. For compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, the applicant must certify that federally licensed or permitted activities affecting Virginia's coastal zone (Tidewater) will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP). For more information or to obtain a list of the enforceable programs of the VCP, contact the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Impact Review at (804) 698-4330 or e-mail: elirons@deq.state.va.us.

COMMENT PERIOD: Comments on this project should be made in writing, addressed to the Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers (ATTN: CENAO-TS-G), 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510-1096, and should be received by the close of business on March 24, 2006.

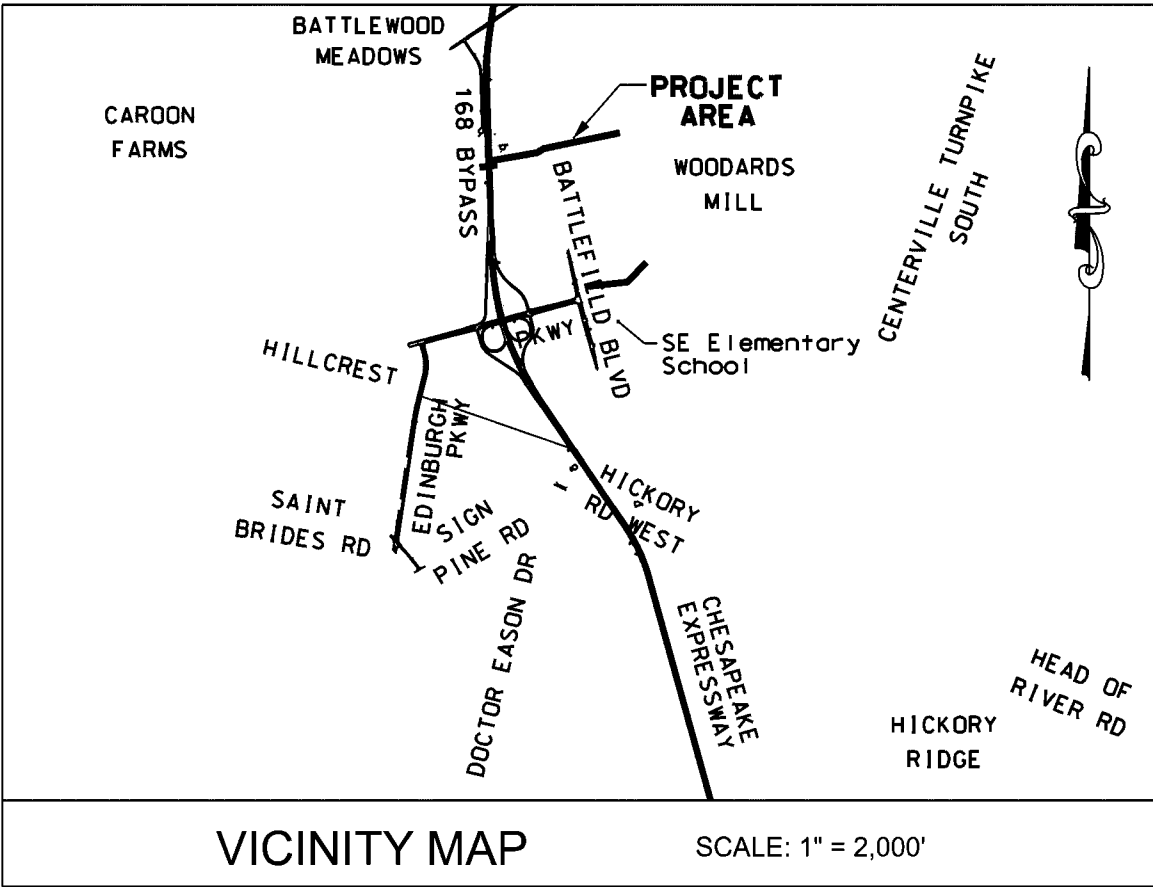
If you have any questions about this project or the permit process, please call:

Robert Berg (757) 201-7793

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

Michael A. Schwinn
Chief, Western Virginia
Regulatory Section

Attachment: Drawings



DATUM NOTES

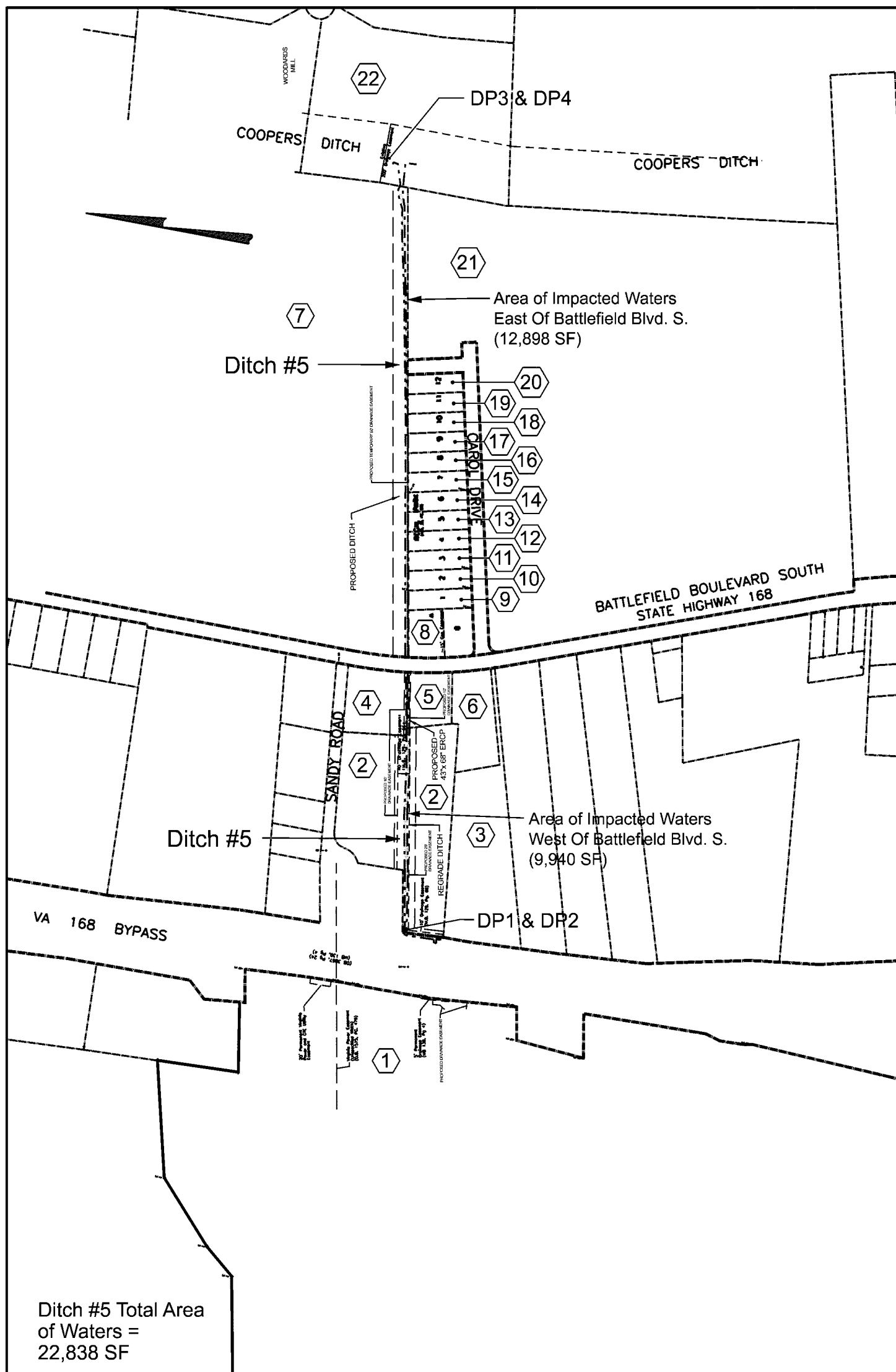
- 1. DATUM: NGVD OF 1929 (NGVD29) 1972 ADJUSTMENT
- 2. ORDINARY HIGH WATER LINE: N/A, NO WATERWAY IS INVOLVED.
- 3. DIRECTION OF FLOW: N/A

ADJACENT TAX PARCELS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

1 0730000000650 (Vacant) Sandy Road (No #'s assigned) Owner: Edinburg Land Associates, LLC 1401 Precon Drive Chesapeake, VA 23320	3 0730000000540 1590 Battlefield Blvd. S. Owner: Graham T. & Dorothy C. Sumner 1590 Battlefield Blvd. Chesapeake, VA 23322
2 0730000000580 (Vacant) Sandy Road (No #'s assigned) Owner: Edinburg Land Associates, LLC 1401 Precon Drive Chesapeake, VA 23320	4 0730000000590 1568 Battlefield Blvd. S. Owner: Harry W. Faircloth, Sr. & Alice P. Faircloth 1568 Battlefield Blvd. Chesapeake, VA 23322

Parcel Info Continued On Sheet 2

PURPOSE: WETLAND RESTORATION/ ENHANCEMENT	0 2000' 4000'	MAINTENANCE OF DITCH #5 AT BATTLEFIELD BOULEVARD
DATUM: NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM 1929 (NGVD29) 1972 ADJUSTMENT. MLW 0.00 = (-)1.73 NGVD		PLEASANT GROVE BOROUGH CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA
ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:	ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. CIVIL ENGINEERING - LAND SURVEYING 3351 STONESHORE ROAD VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23452 (757) 468-6800 Fax (757) 468-4966	APPLICATION BY CITY OF CHESAPEAKE
SEE THIS SHEET & SHEET 2		SHEET 1 OF 14 DATE: 01/10/06



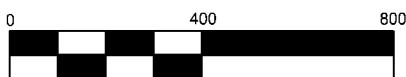
Ditch #5 Total Area
of Waters =
22,838 SF

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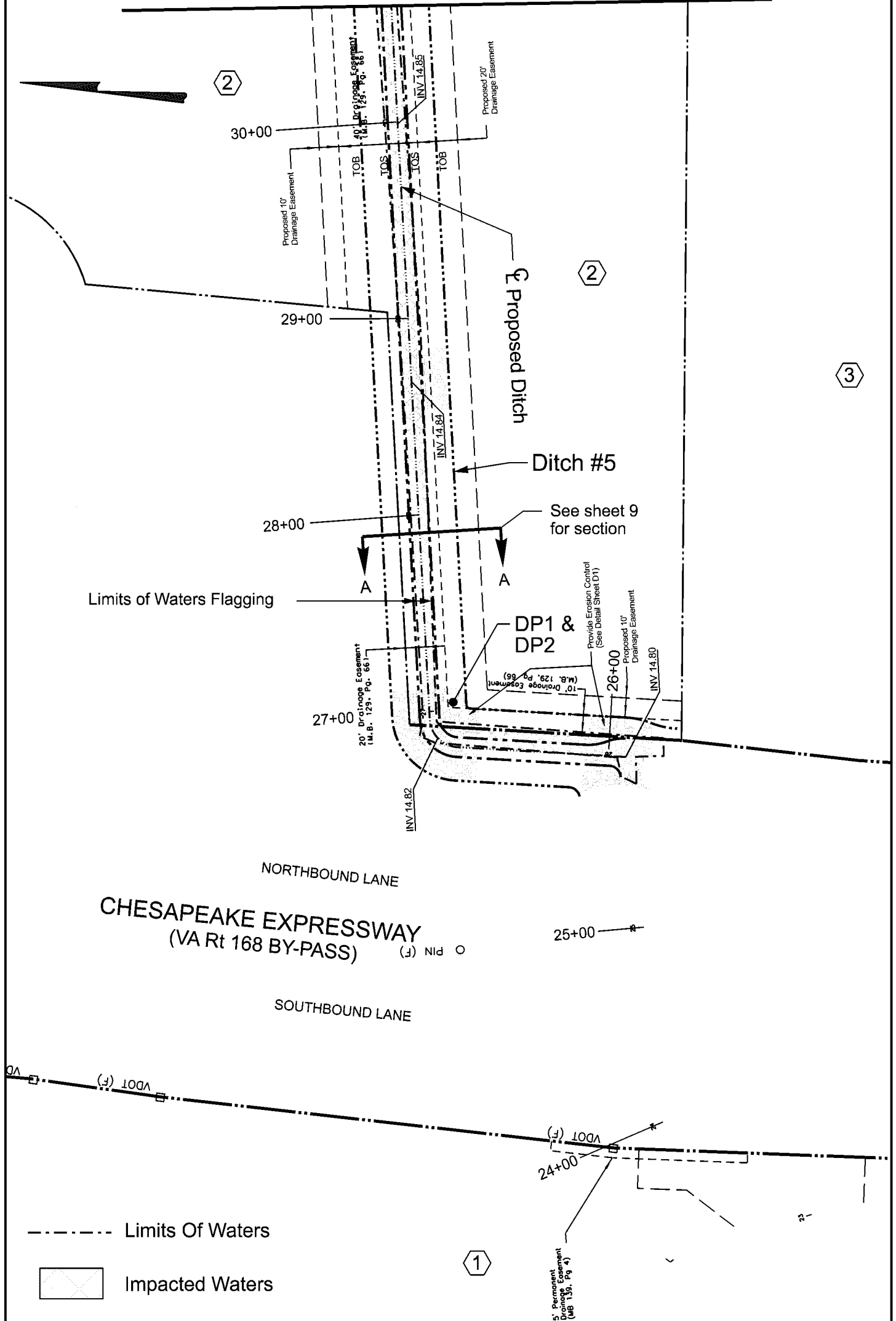
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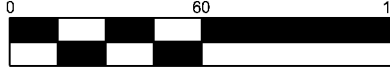
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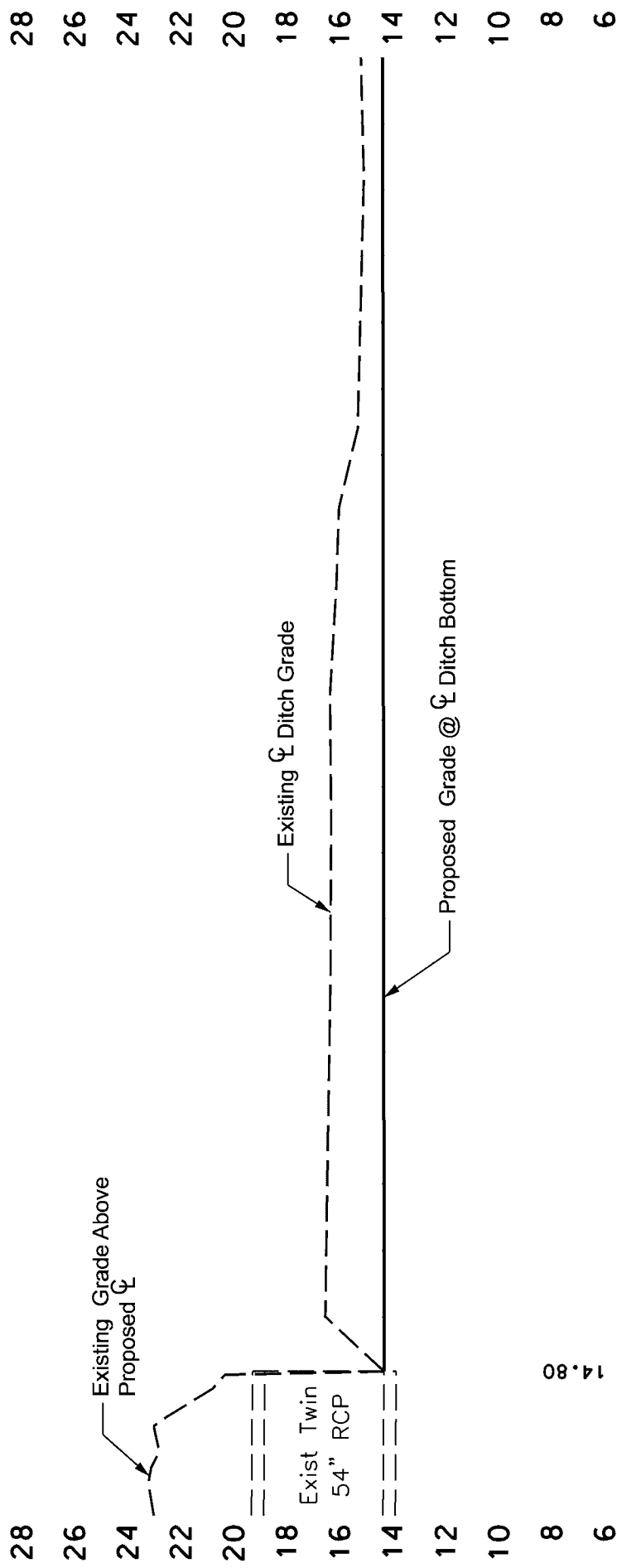
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
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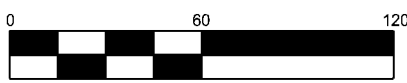
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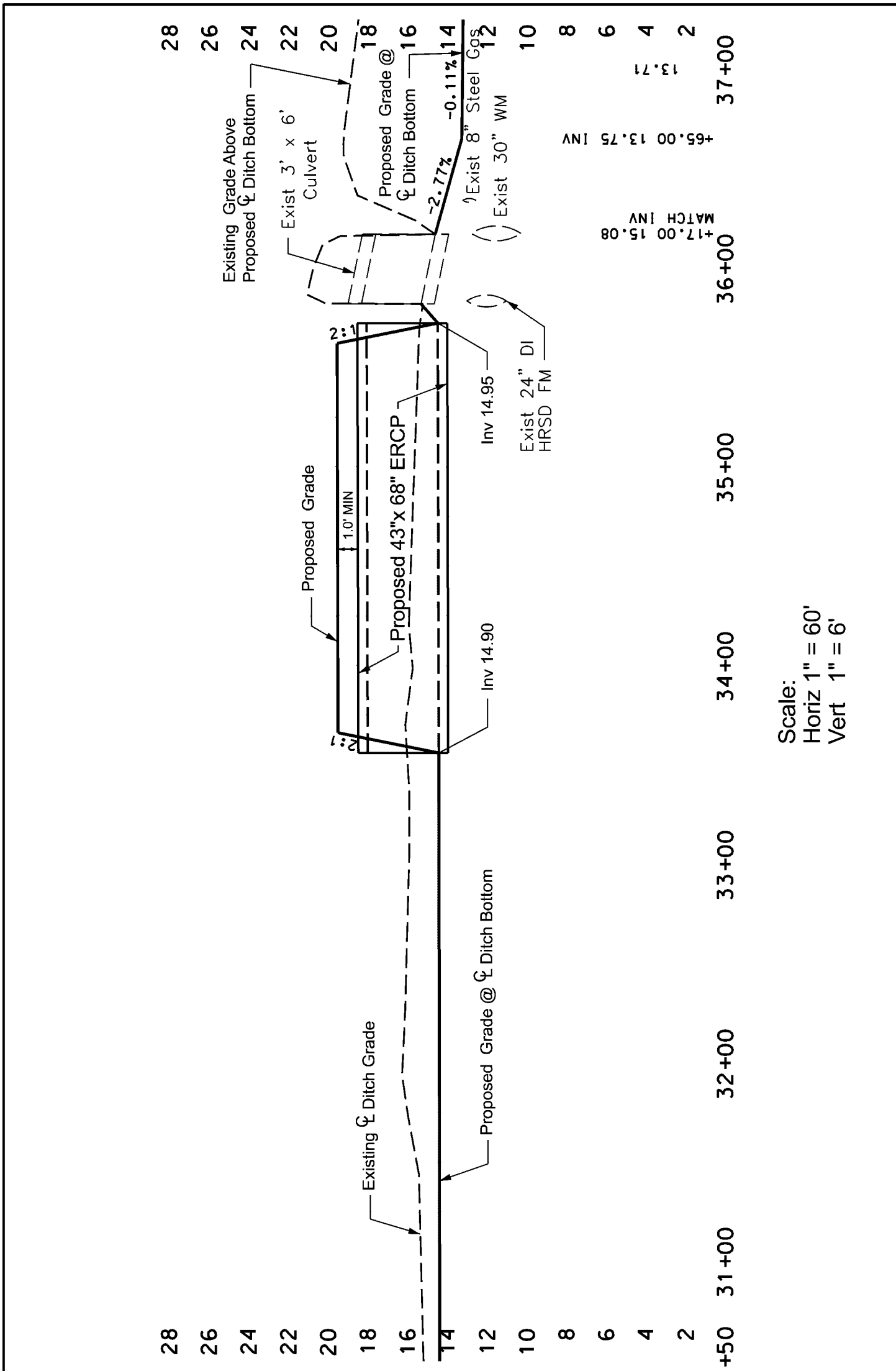
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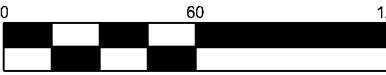
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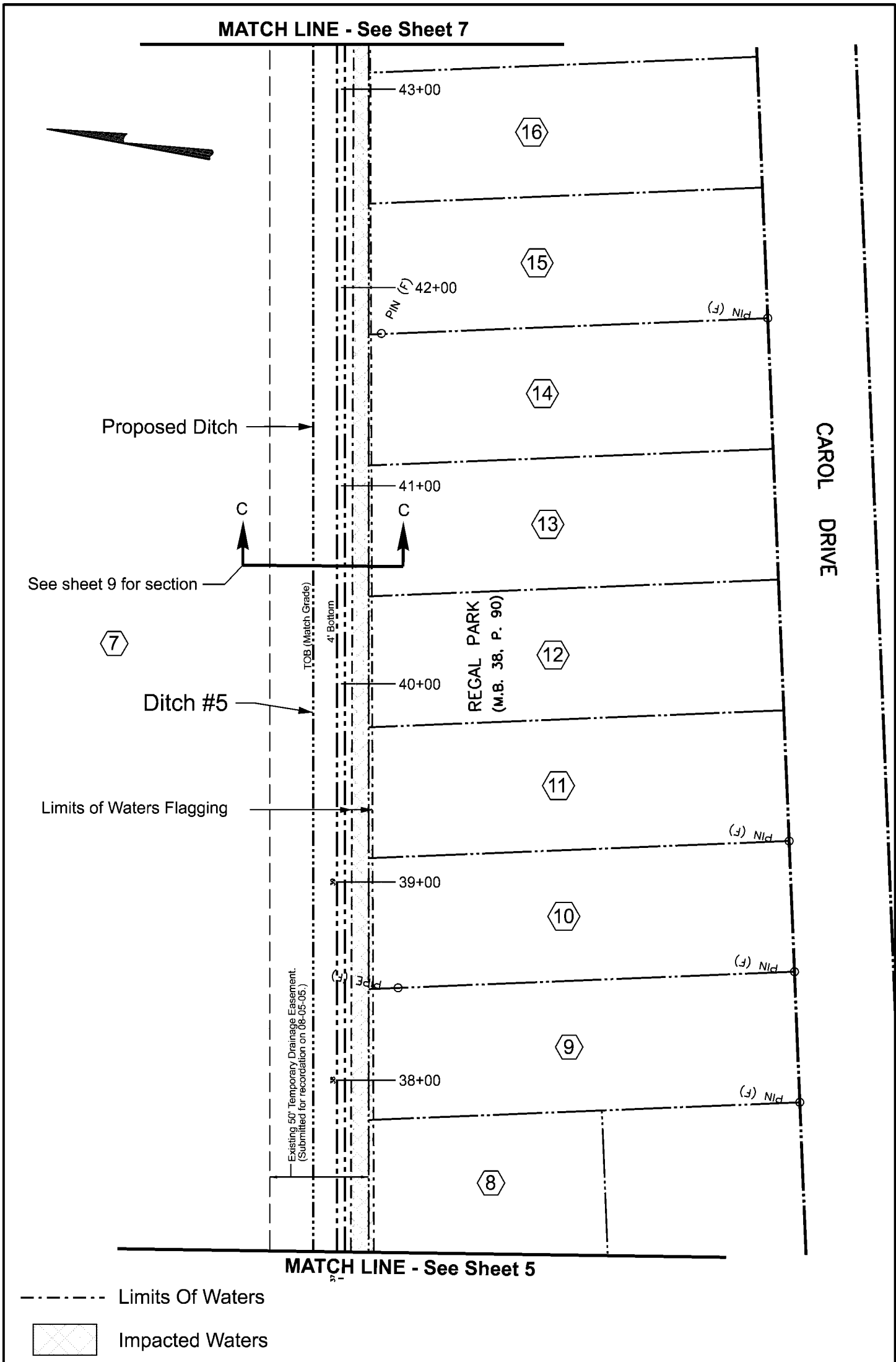
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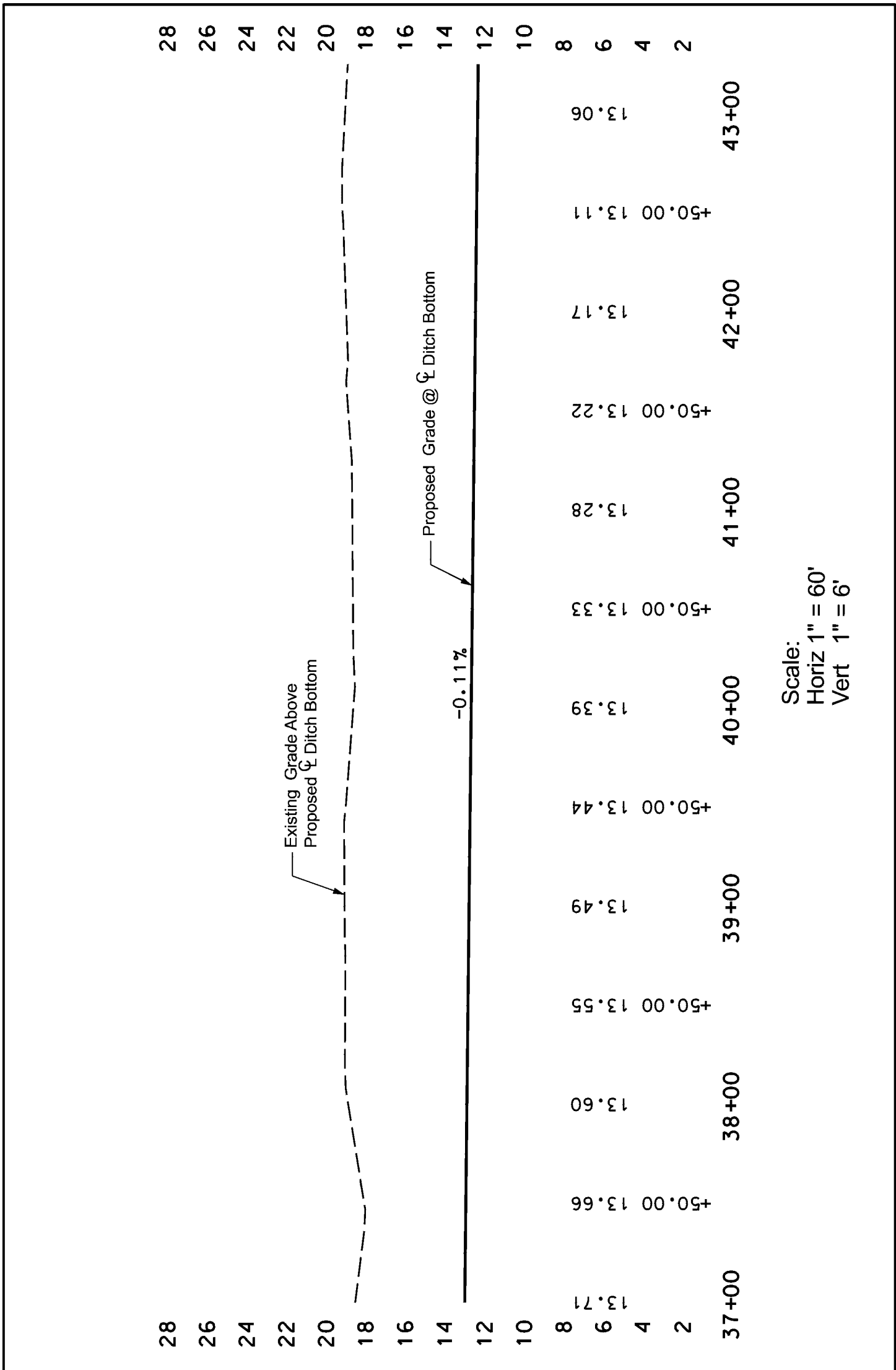



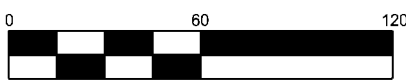
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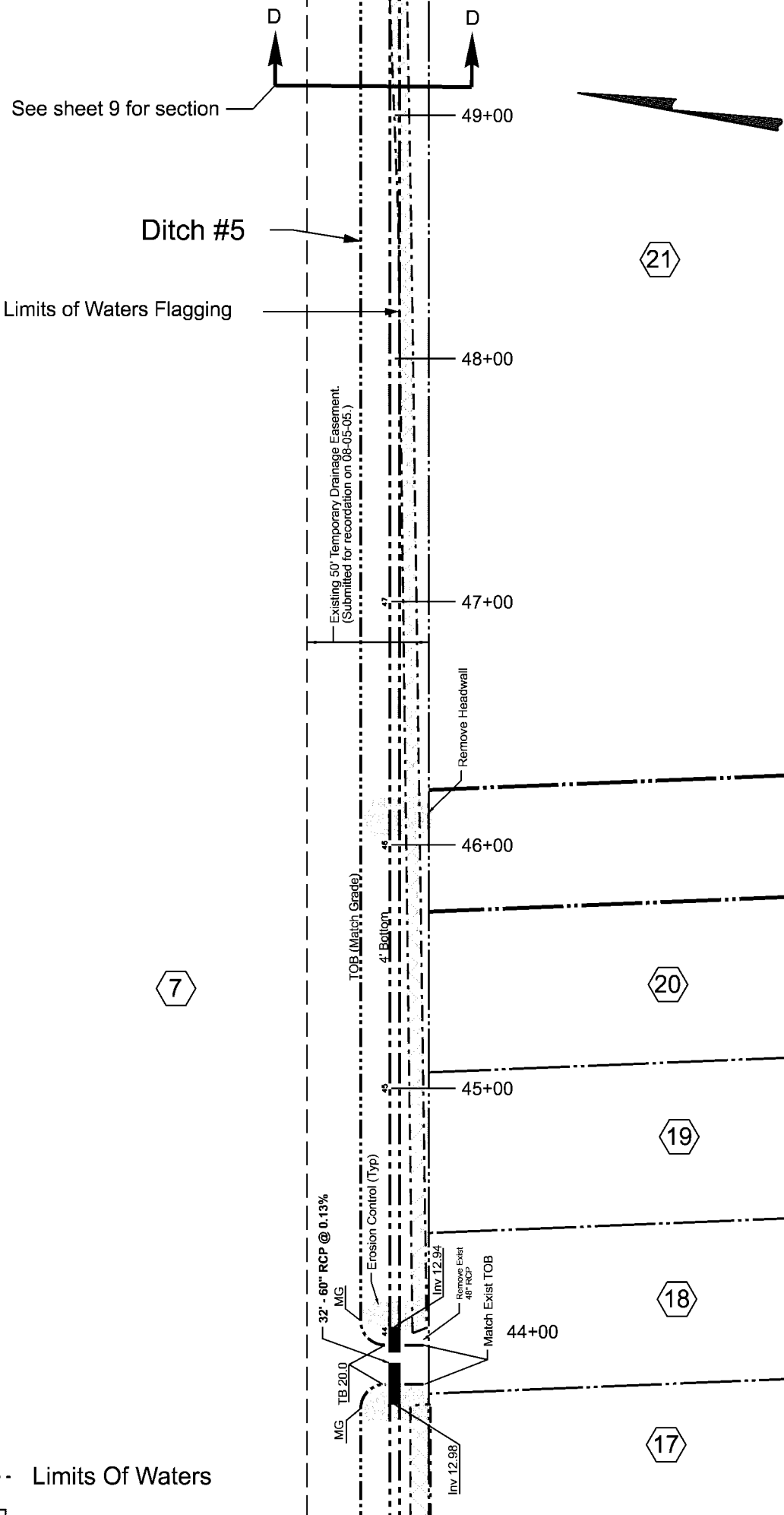


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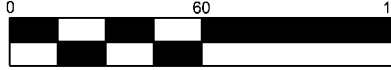
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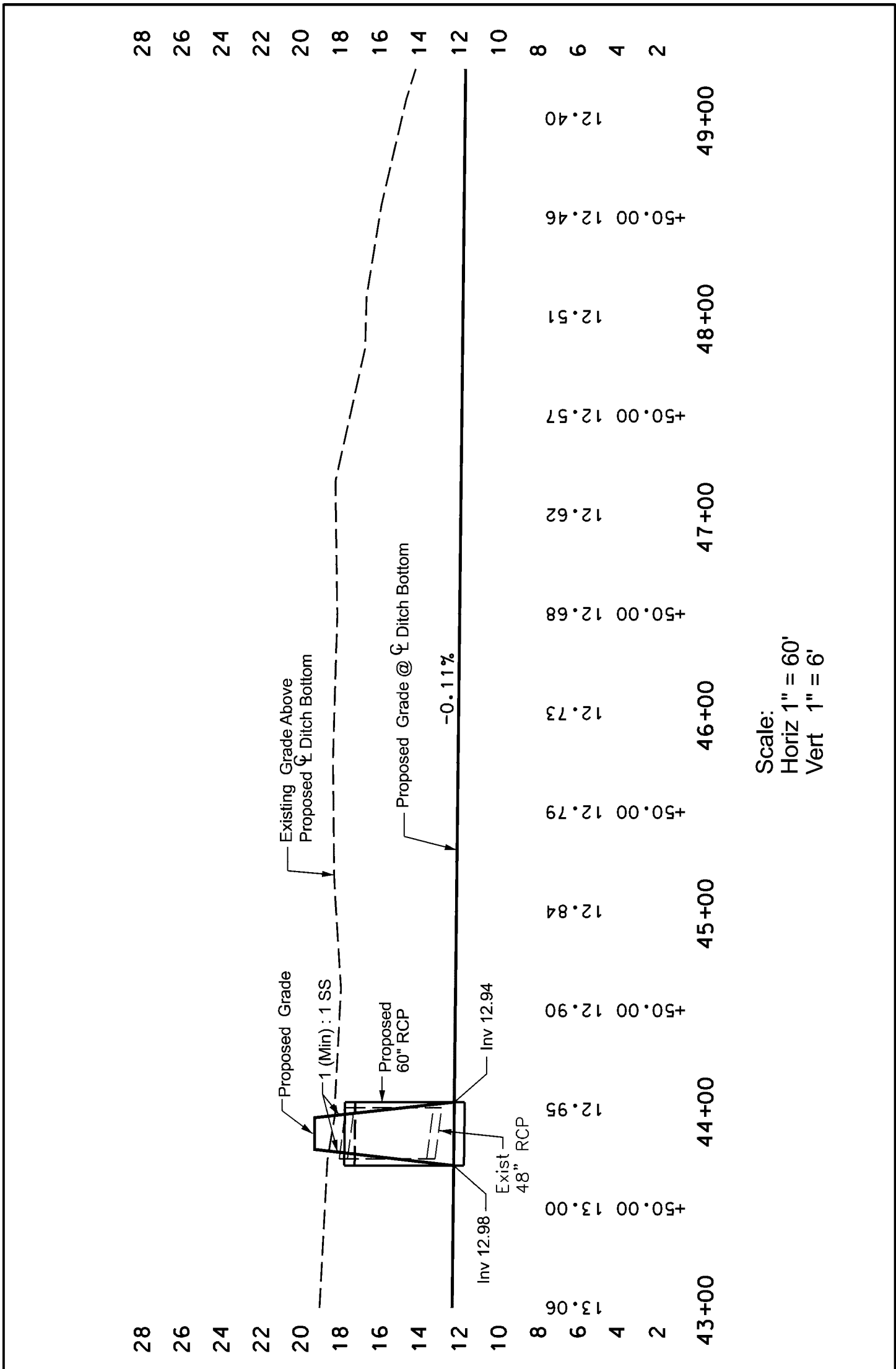
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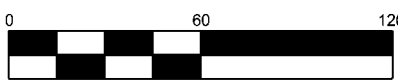
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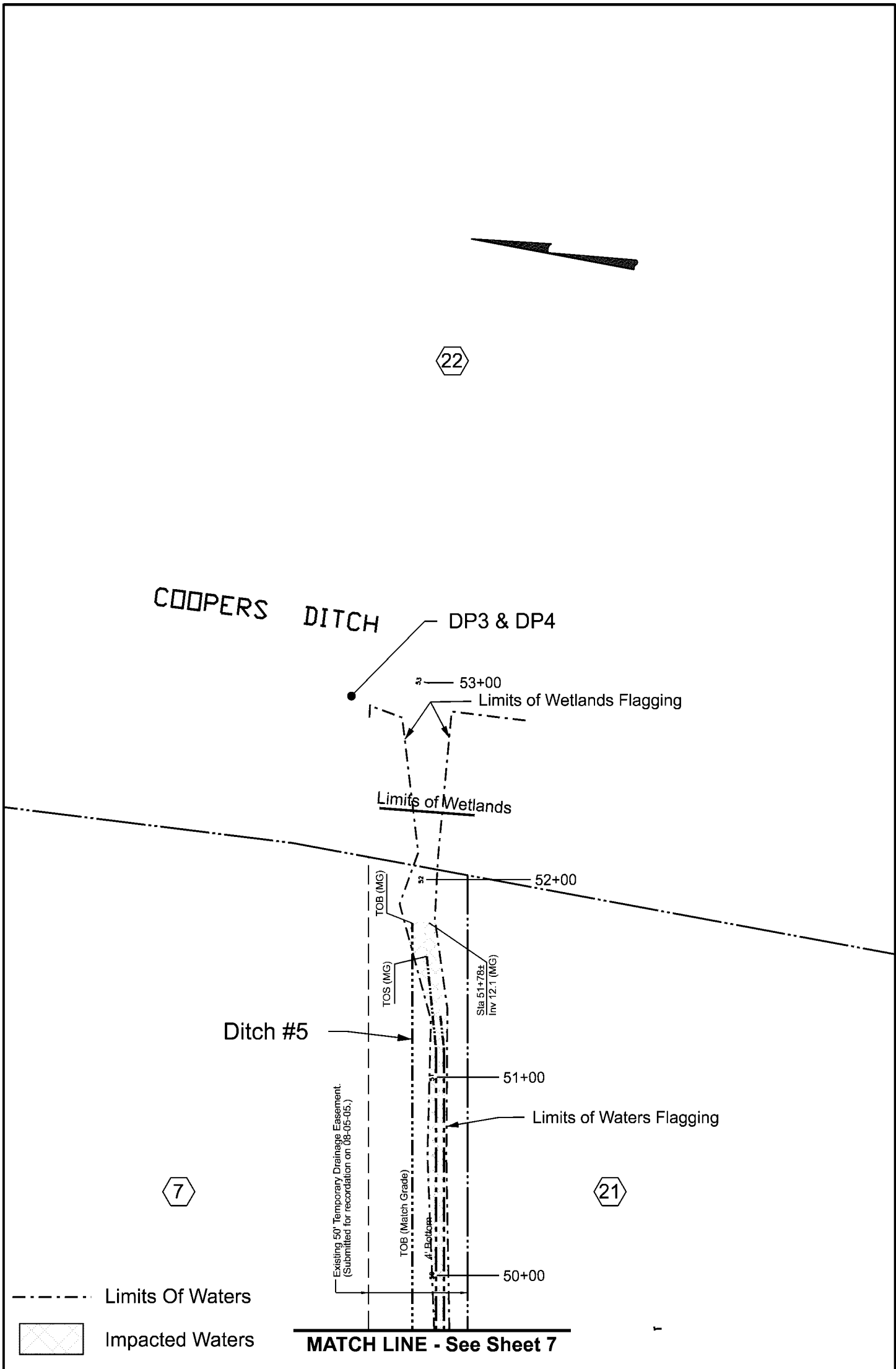
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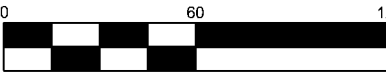
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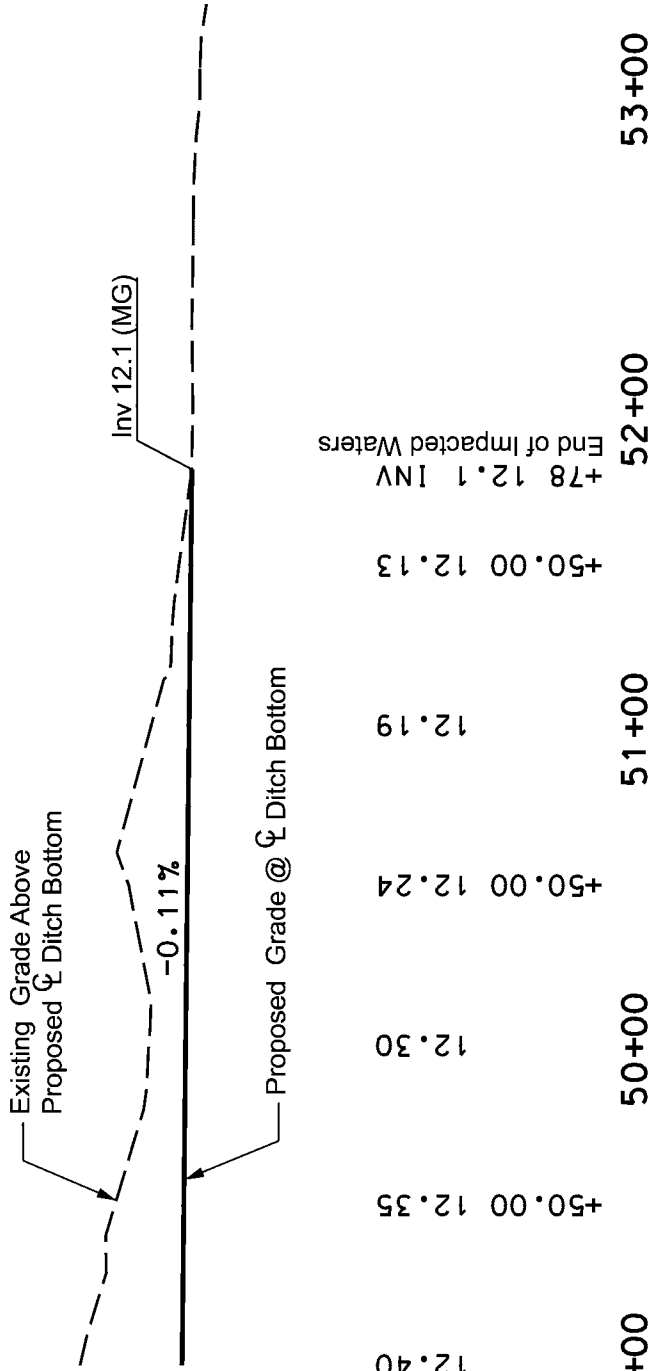
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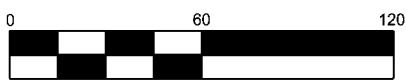
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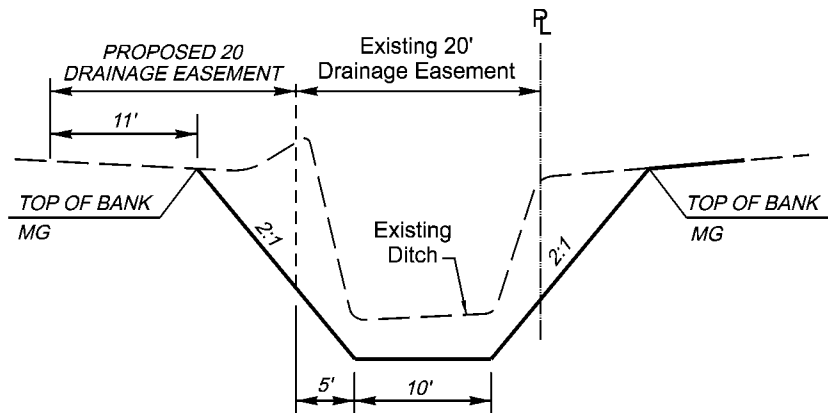
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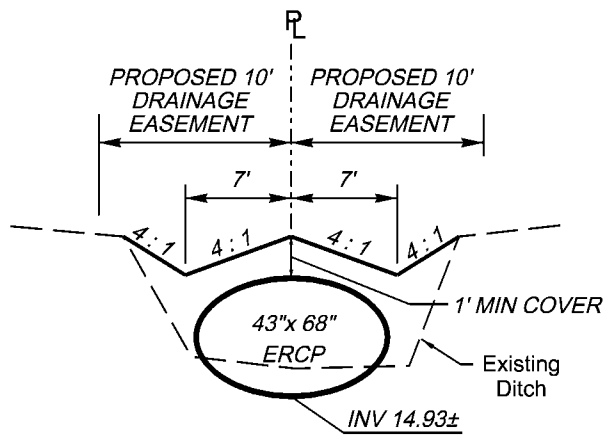
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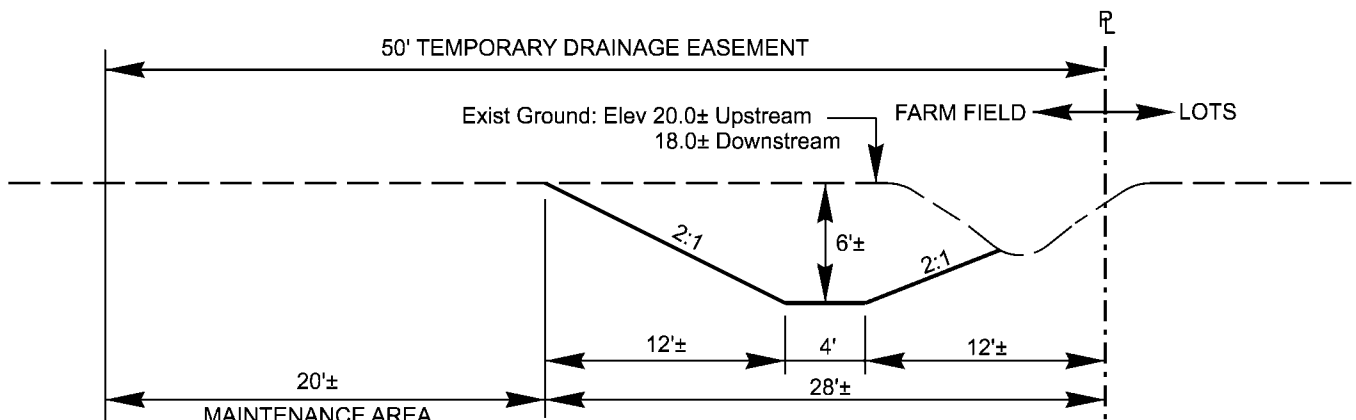
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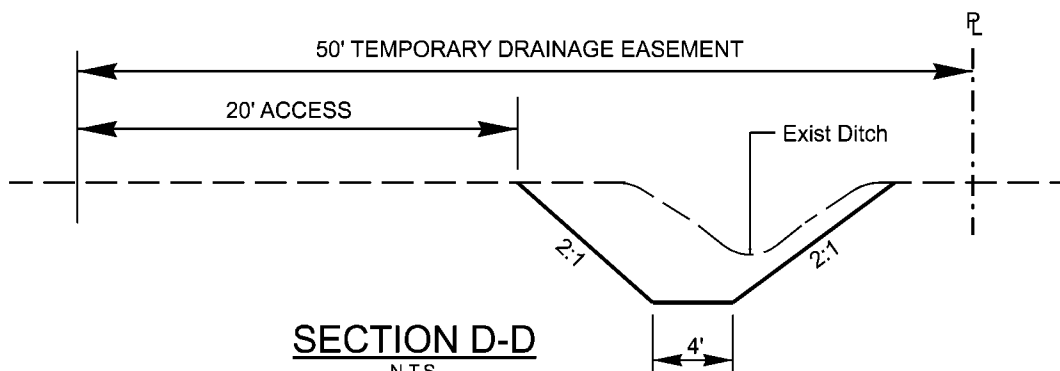
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